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(57) Abstract

A press coated, pulsatile drug delivery system suitable for oral administration having an immediate-release compartment, which contains a compressed blend of an active agent and one or more polymers, substantially enveloped by an extended-release compartment, which contains a compressed blend of the active agent and hydrophilic and hydrophobic polymers, can provide a substantially first order delivery of the active agent, interrupted by a timed, pulsed delivery of an increased amount of the active agent; and when the extended-release compartment is substantially enveloped by an optional instant-release compartment, can provide a dose sufficient to exceed the liver's metabolic capacity and to maintain therapeutic levels, preferably throughout a 24-hour period.